# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
# LOK SABHA

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PRODUCTION OF ETHANOL FROM SUGARCANE
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**Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:**

(a) the estimated demand and production of Ethanol during the next three years;

(b) whether the Government has initiated steps to make changes in Sugarcane Control Orders, 1955 to allow production of Ethanol directly from Sugarcane; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and the time by which it is likely to be completed?

## Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (DR. AKHILESH PRASAD SINGH)

(a): The estimated demand of ethanol during the next three sugar seasons (October- September), considering 5% ethanol blending during 2007-08 and 10% from 1.10.2008, will be about 3.0 million kilo litres.

Production of ethanol in India is basically from the molasses produced from sugarcane. Therefore, production of ethanol is dependant on production and crushing of sugarcane. As per the available estimates for production of sugarcane during 2007-08 at 345.6 million tons, production of rectified spirit/alcohol/ethanol by the sugar industry from molasses may be estimated at 2.6 million kilo litres.

(b) & (c): The Government has approved to allow sugar factories to produce ethanol directly from sugarcane juice. Accordingly, the Sugarcane (Control) Order, 1966 is being amended and the process is likely to be completed within three months.